



MACROLIDE FOR ASTHMA CONTROL

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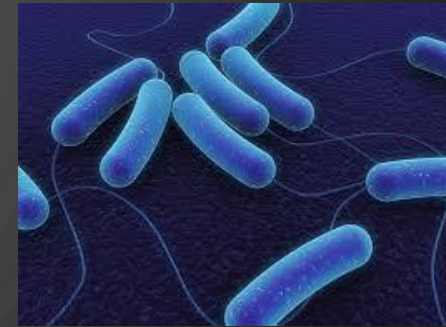
- 평소 천식으로 High dose ICS-LABA, montelukast, low dose theophylline을 사용 중인 환자가 잦은 급성 악화로 내원하였고 반복적으로 경구 prednisolone을 처방하였습니다. 이 환자에게 조절제로서 macrolide를 추가하는 것이 도움이 될 수 있다고 생각하십니까?

YES / NO

MACROLIDE

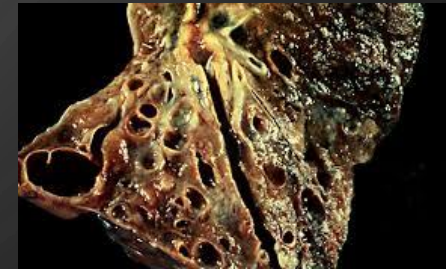
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ANTIMICROBIAL



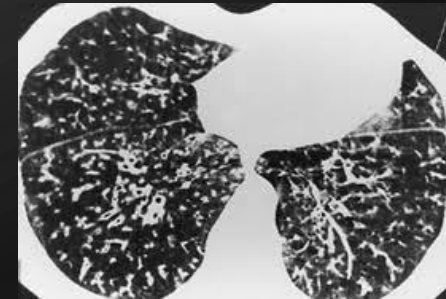
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IMMUNOMODULATION



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ANTIVIRAL POTENTIAL



IMMUNOMODULATION RATHER THAN ANTIBIOTICS

Up to 3 months to show significant effect

Doses lower than MIC are effective

Also effective in patients with macrolide-resistant pathogen

Bacteria in post-treatment sputum

Only seen in 14- or 15-membered macrolides (erythro-, clarithro-, roxithro-, azithromycin)



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Immunomodulatory

Lymphocyte



↓ Proliferation
↑ Apoptosis

Neutrophil



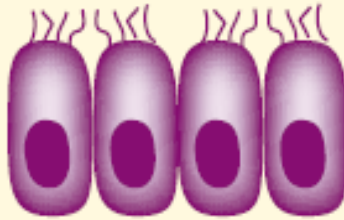
↓ Pro-inflammatory cytokines
↓ Superoxides

Macrophage



M1 → M2
↑ Phagocytosis

Epithelial cells



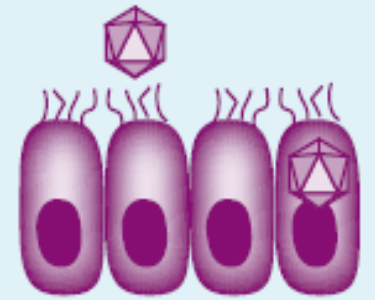
↓ Pro-inflammatory cytokines
↓ AP-1
↓ NF-κB

Antibacterial



↓ Quorum sensing
↓ Biofilm formation
↓ Bacterial protein synthesis
↑ Intracellular store in macrophages

Antiviral



↑ IFNβ
↑ IFNλs
↑ ISGs

MACROLIDES FOR ASTHMA

Macrolides have Immunomodulatory effect

Asthma is an inflammatory disease

Infection is an important cause of asthma attack



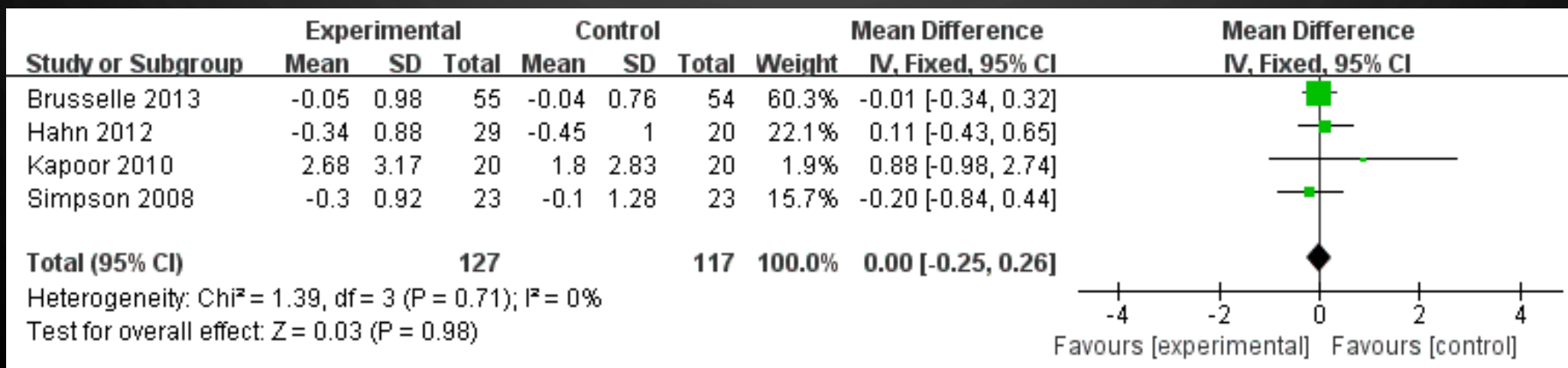
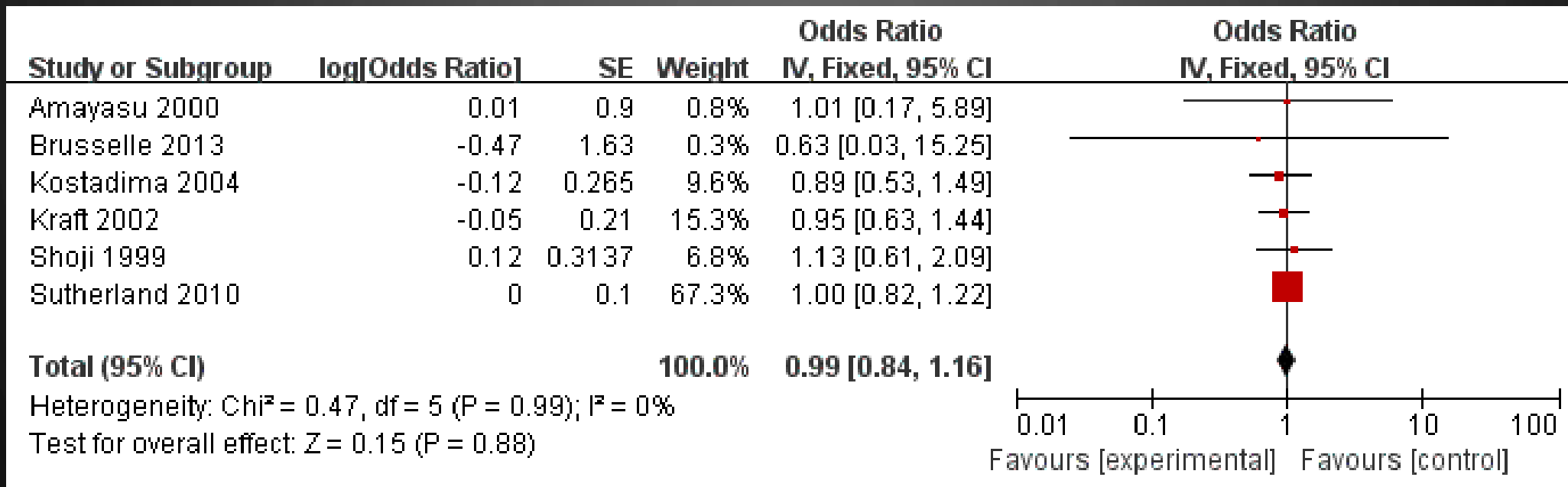
CLINICAL TRIALS

Study	N	Macrolide	Duration	Benefit	Comment
Cameron 2013	71	Azithromycin	12 weeks	No	Smoker asthmatics
Brusselle 2013	109	Azithromycin	26 weeks	Some	Non-eosinophilic subgroup / AQLQ
Hahn 2012	75	Azithromycin	11 weeks	Some	In open-label group / AQL
Sutherland 2010	92	Clarithromycin	16 weeks	Some	Only for PC20
Simpson 2008	45	Clarithromycin	8 weeks	Some	Non-eosinophilic subgroup / AQLQ / IL-8
Hahn 2006	45	Azithromycin	5 weeks	Some	For overall symptom score
Kostadima 2004	63	Clarithromycin	8 weeks	Some	For PC20
Kraft 2002	52	Clarithromycin	6 weeks	Some	For FEV1 and cytokines
Black 2001	219	Roxithromycin	6 weeks	Some	Evening PEF
Amayasu 2000	17	Clarithromycin	8 weeks	Some	PC20, symptoms, sputum eosinophil
Shoji 1999	14	Roxithromycin	8 weeks	Some	Symptom score, blood/sputum eosinophil

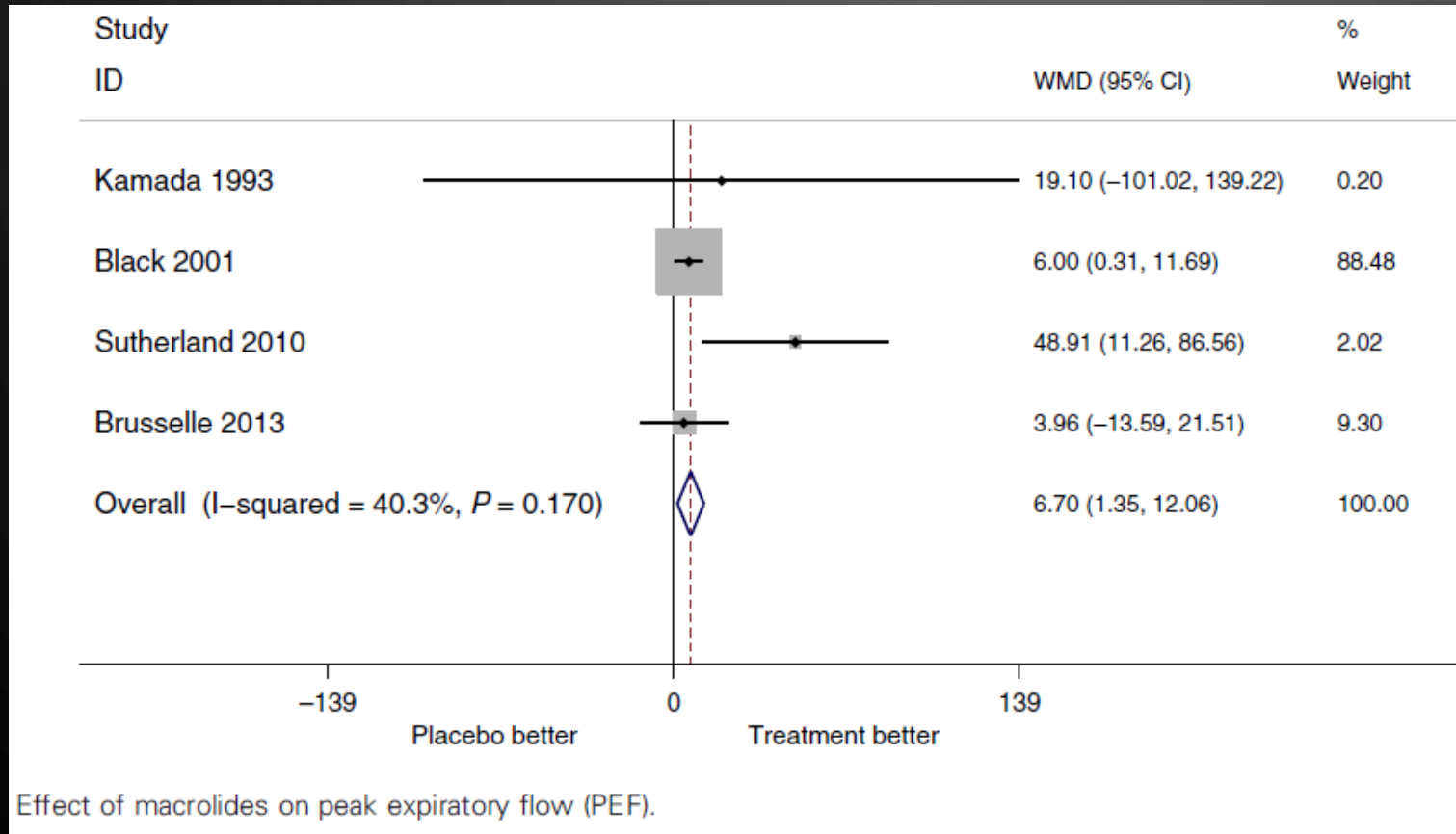
SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS AND META-ANALYSES

Meta-analyses	Period	No. of Studies	Patient	Results
Cochrane 2008	~ May 2007	7	Children / Adult	Benefit for Sx Insufficient studies
Mikhailov A, 2013	~ Dec 2009	6	Children	Benefit for Steroid-sparing Insufficient studies
Reiter J, 2013	~ Jan 2013	12	Children / Adult	Benefit for PEF (adult) Benefit for Sx (heterogenous) Benefit for QOL Benefit for AHR Overall, insufficient studies

SR AND META-ANALYSIS

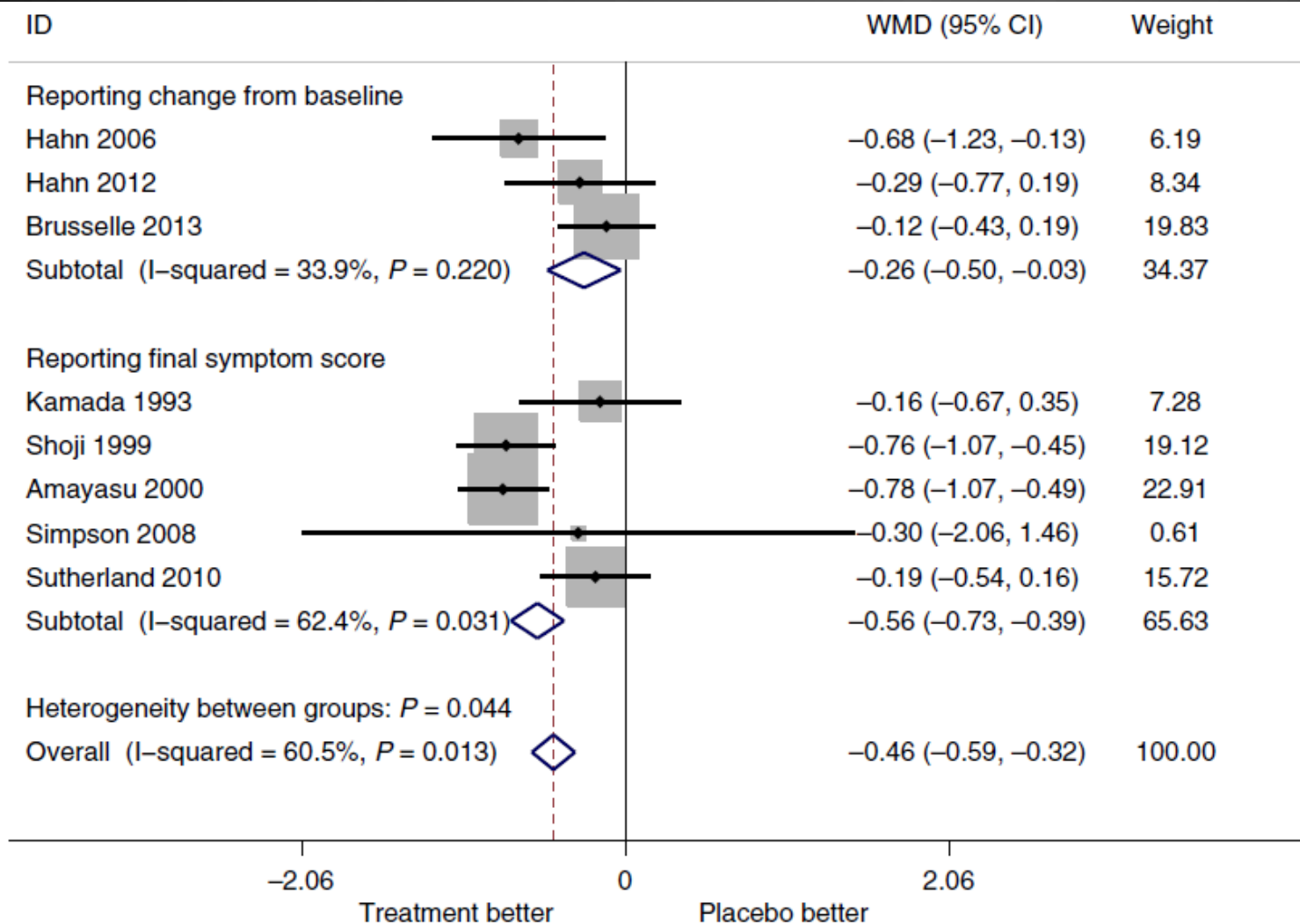


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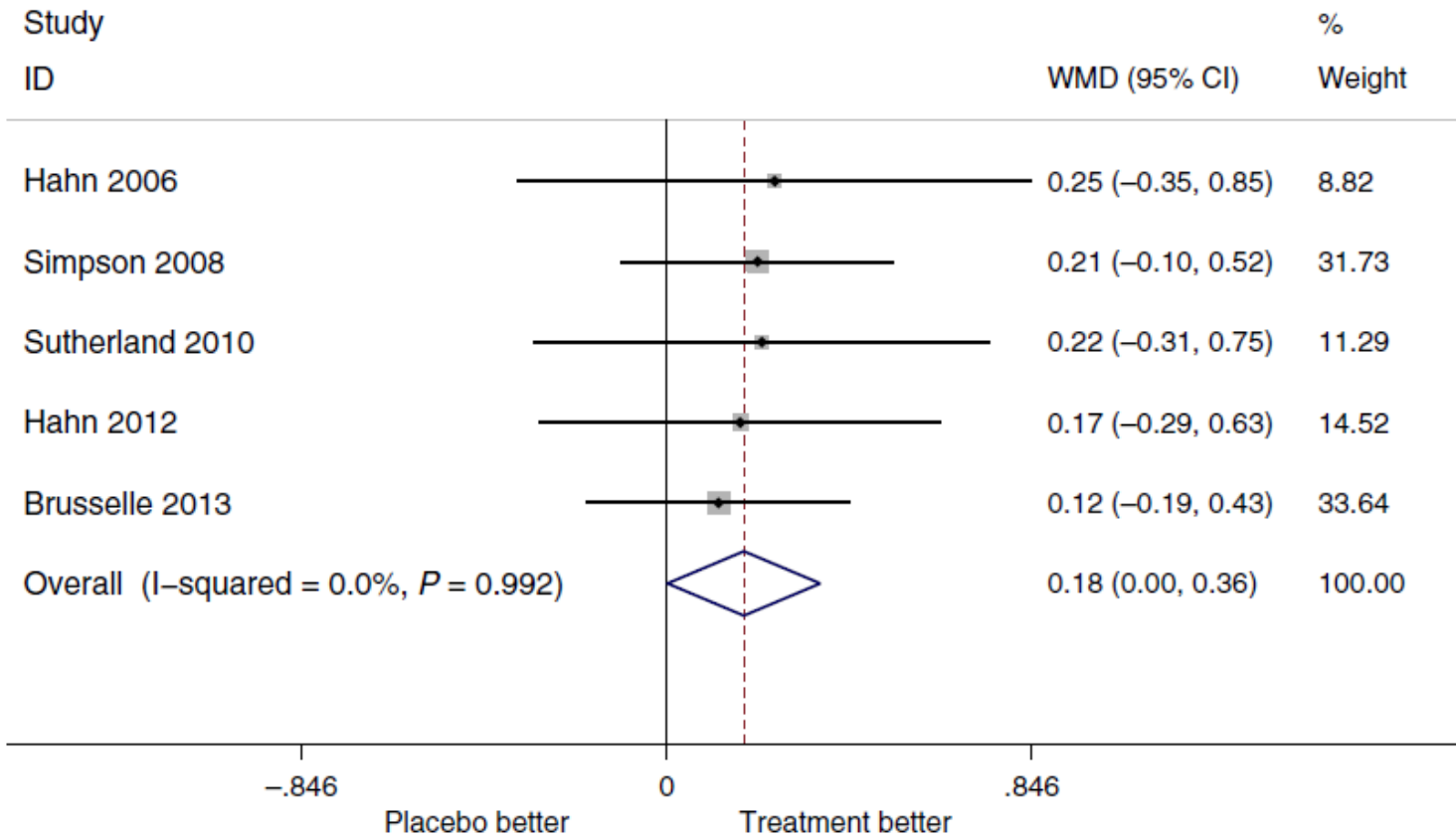
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Effect of macrolides on quality-of-life (QOL) score.

UNTIL NOW, SR AND META-ANALYSES SUGGEST

Lung
Function

NO EVIDENCE

Attack
ACQ

NO EVIDENCE

Sx
QOL

POSSIBLE SOME BENEFIT



THE 'AZISAST' TRIAL

Study Population	109 Adult asthma patient (55 vs 54), never or ex-smokers
Severity	GINA step 4~5, > 2 exacerbations within year
Base Medications	High dose ICS-LABA
Intervention	Azithromycin 250mg three times / week for 26 weeks
Primary endpoint	Severe exacerbation or LRTI
Secondary endpoint	FEV1, PEF, AQLQ, ACQ

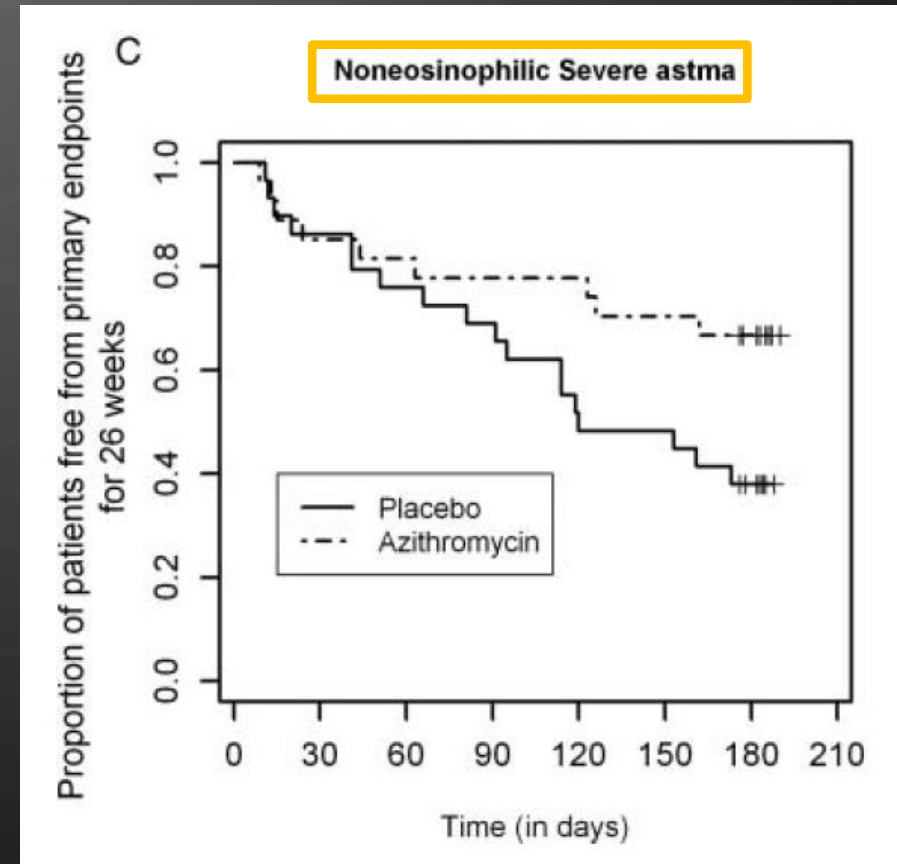
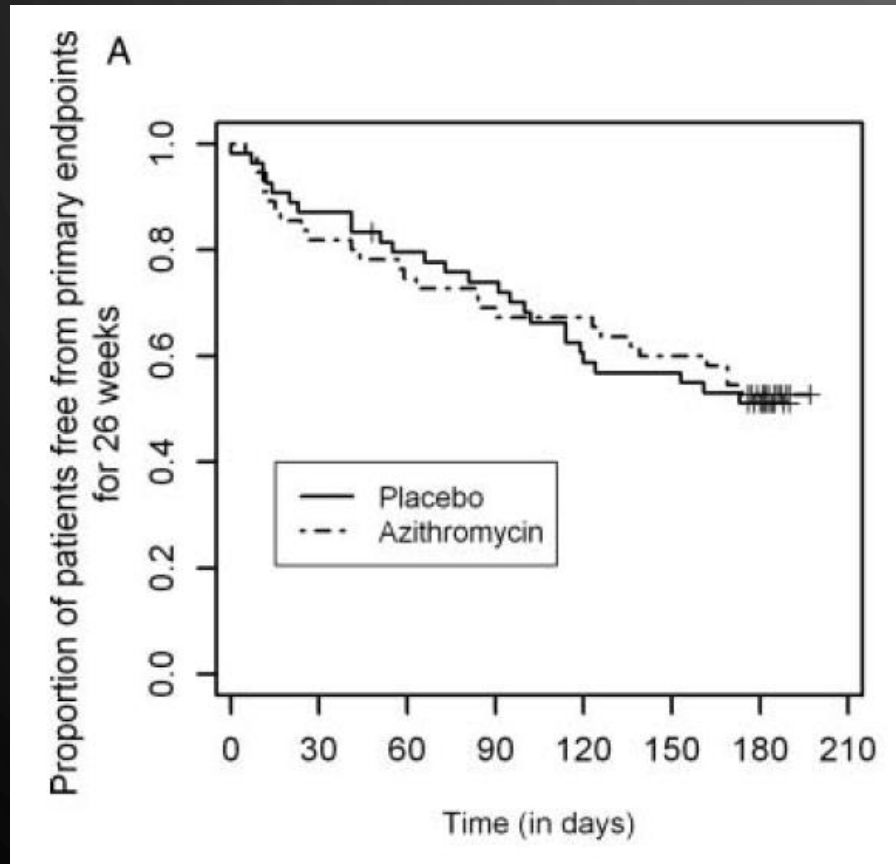
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THE 'AZISAST' TRIAL

Outcome	At 26 weeks after randomisation			
	Placebo (N=45-50) Mean (SD)	Azithromycin (N=47-53) Mean (SD)	Difference Mean (95% CI)	p Value
Change in ACQ score, baseline to week 10 or 26	-0.12 (0.70)	-0.24 (0.93)	-0.12 (-0.44 to 0.21)	0.485
Change in AQLQ total score, baseline to week 10 or 26	0.20 (0.73)	0.32 (0.89)	0.12 (-0.20 to 0.44)	0.467
Absolute change in morning PEF, baseline to week 10 or 26 (l/min)	-5.77 (48.20)	-1.81 (45.27)	3.96 (-15.40 to 23.32)	0.686
Absolute change in evening PEF, baseline to week 10 or 26 (l/min)	-4.65 (78.68)	-0.81 (48.47)	3.84 (-23.10 to 30.78)	0.778
Change in pre-BD FEV ₁ , baseline to week 10 or 26 (%)	-0.90 (11.79)	-0.02 (10.06)	0.88 (-3.44 to 5.19)	0.688
Change in post-BD FEV ₁ , baseline to week 10 or 26 (%)	-0.66 (8.84)	1.29 (12.50)	1.95 (-2.42 to 6.33)	0.378
Change in use of rescue medication (number of puffs per day)	0.24 (2.11)	0.08 (1.14)	-0.16 (-0.88 to 0.55)	0.655
Change in FeNO (ppb), median (Q1; Q3)	2.1 (-4.2; 6.0)	0.5 (-6.7; 6.7)	-1.6	0.666

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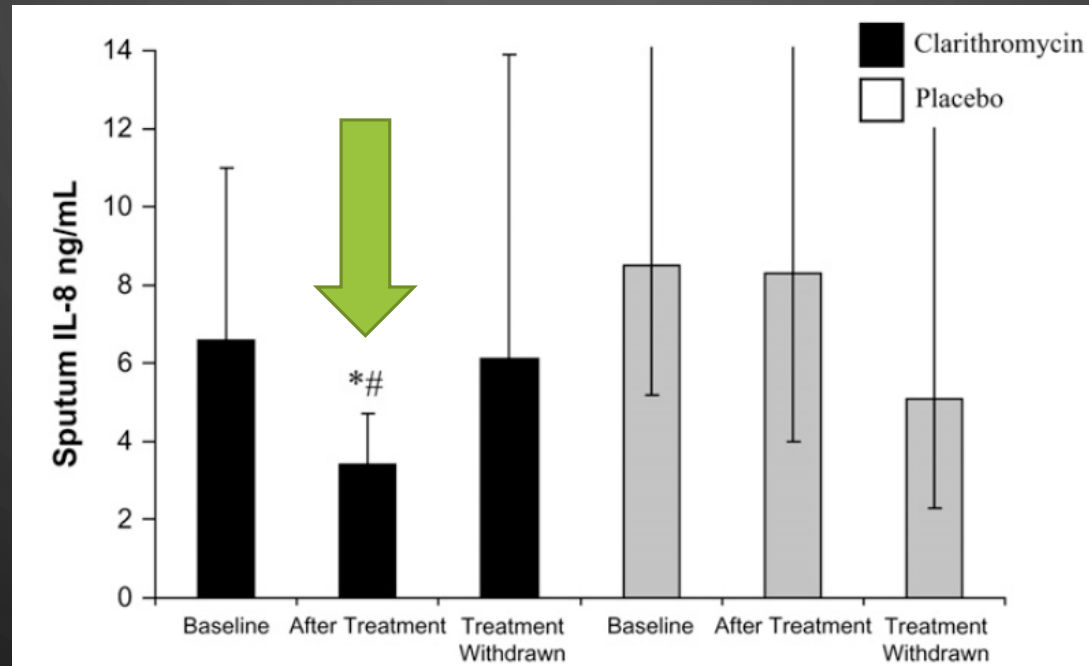


Figure 3. Sputum IL-8 concentrations before treatment, after 8 weeks' treatment with clarithromycin and placebo, and after treatment withdrawal in participants with noneosinophilic asthma. * $P = 0.0046$ versus before treatment; # $P = 0.0096$ after treatment was withdrawn.

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TABLE 4. INFLAMMATORY PARAMETERS AND ASTHMA QUALITY-OF-LIFE TOTAL SCORE BEFORE AND AFTER TREATMENT FOR PARTICIPANTS WITH NONEOSINOPHILIC ASTHMA

	Clarithromycin			Placebo		
	Before	After	<i>P</i> *	Before	After	<i>P</i> *
IL-8 protein, ng/ml	6.6 (2.1–11.0)	3.4 (1.9–4.7) [†]	0.0046	8.5 (5.2–28.9)	8.3 (4.0–31.4)	0.917
IL-8 gene expression	40.2 (8.9–69.9)	14.3 (3.6–22.5)	0.0229	12.6 (7.7–104.3)	15 (3.1–142)	0.790
Neutrophils × 10 ⁴ /ml	110.7 (32.8–496.8)	70.7 (23.6–131)	0.0843	254.5 (60.9–503.8)	107.7 (70.1–281.2)	0.2132
Neutrophil elastase, ng/ml	698.4 (150.5–1,637)	491 (174.6–729.9) [†]	0.0597	1,202 (545–5,880)	1,032 (551.3–7,088)	0.463
Total MMP-9, ng/ml	9,111 (2,280–11,772)	3,183 (1,806–5,115) [†]	0.0166	6,455 (3,459–14,871)	9,826 (3,415–15,844)	0.959
Total AQLQ score, median (IQR)	5.5 (4.7–6.3)	6.2 (5.6–6.6)	0.0202	6.0 (5.0–6.6)	6.1 (4.8–6.8)	0.900

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QUESTION

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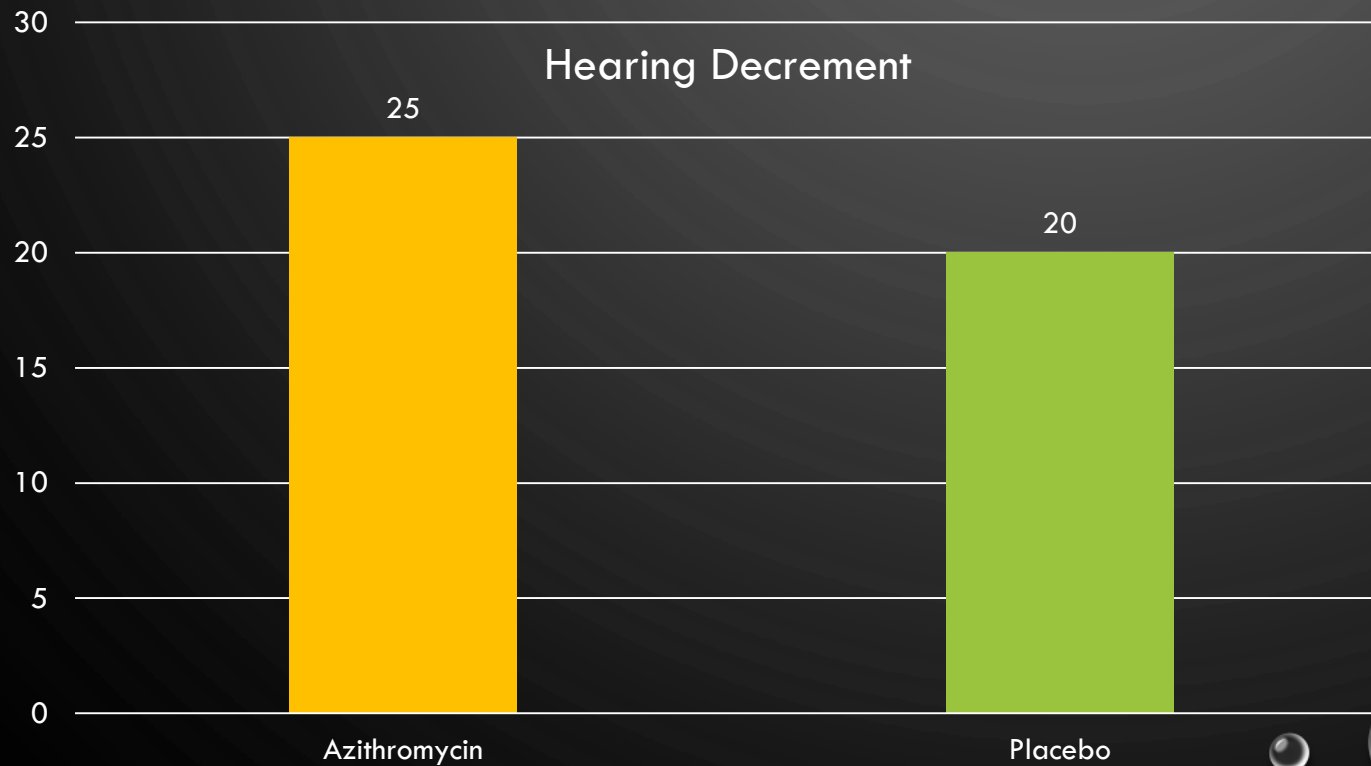
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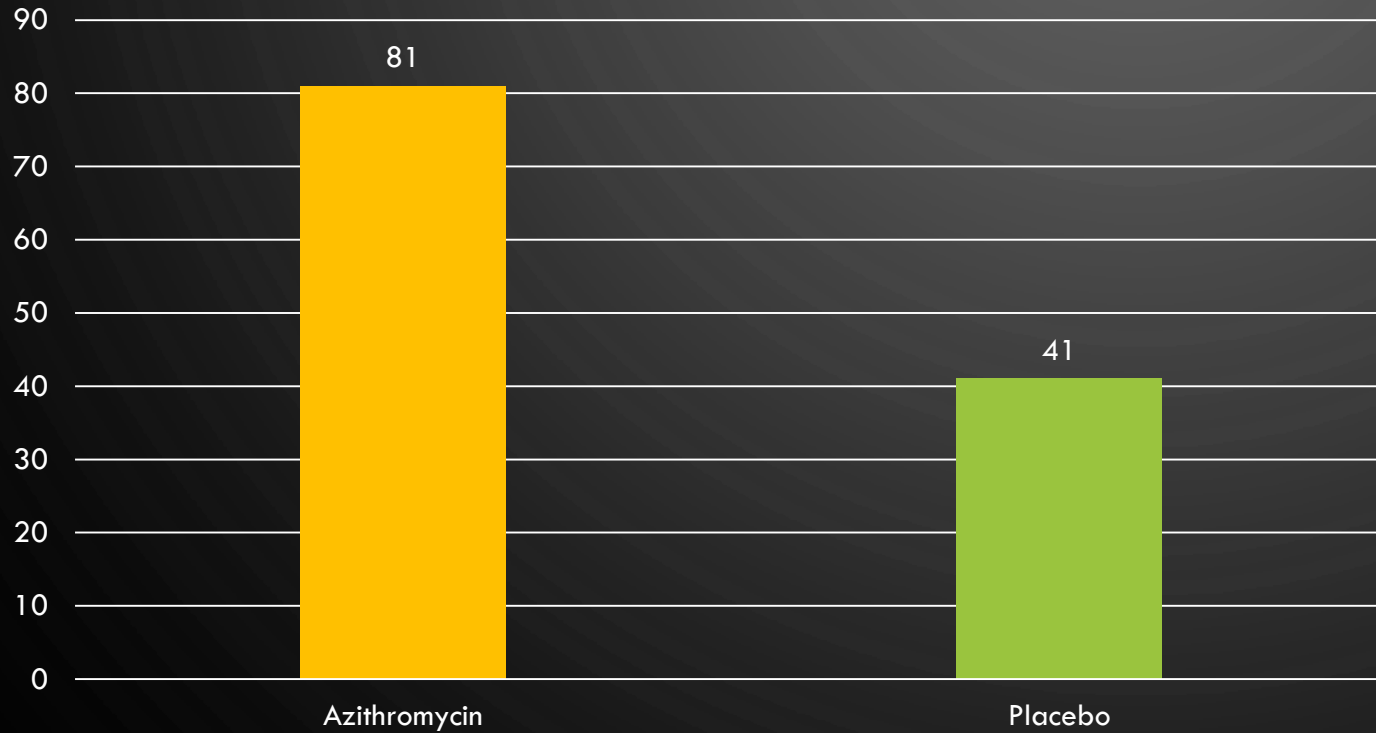
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Antibiotics Resistance



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SUMMARY

MACROLIDES FOR ASTHMA CONTROL

- 1 Theoretically reasonable
- 2 Benefit for Symptom Control and Quality of Life
- 3 Possible Benefit for Certain Group of Asthma Patients
- 4 Acceptable Safety Profile
- 5 Why Not?

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